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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUINN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 22, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable JACK QUINN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are grateful, O God, for the families from which we have been born, the communities where we have lived, and the Nation whose heritage we call our own. And yet You have lifted our vision, gracious God, to include all the conditions and concerns of our world, for You have created every person, endowed them with opportunities and responsibilities, and united us all with Your providence and Your grace. As we better understand the scope of Your creation, O God, may we also better understand the spiritual solidarity that You have already given us so together with people of every Nation, we will work for justice and for peace, world without end. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. NORTON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4112. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4112) "An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BENNETT, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair this morning will entertain 15 one-minute speeches from each side.

SECRETARY COHEN'S PROPOSED CHANGE TO MILITARY RULES

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, our armed forces are based on honor and discipline. These principles lead to trust and accountability on the battlefield, a situation which the majority of civilians will never have to face in their lifetimes. Yet Defense Secretary Cohen has proposed to change military rules regarding adultery to bring them more in line with civilian law.

Secretary Cohen has said that he would like to clear up the ambiguities and inconsistencies so members of the military know what standard they are to be held to. Mr. Speaker, there are no ambiguities. In the military, adultery is a felony. It could not be much clearer than that.

We expect the most from our men and women in the armed forces. Dumbing down the standards of these men and women is insulting to all them. As an Airborne Ranger, I salute the United States Marine Corps and Colonel Stuart Wagner, who put it so eloquently: Semper fidelis, always faithful, is not a slogan.

MANAGED CARE REFORM

(Mr. GREEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, for months we have heard and been hearing about how expensive the Patients' Bill of Rights is. The insurance industry, managed care organizations, HMOs, and big business have repeatedly tried to scare the American public, saying that the bill would dramatically raise premiums and force employers to drop health insurance coverage for their employees.

Last week we found out how much dramatically really is. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, after thoroughly analyzing each section of

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